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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

Applicant : Lisa E. Myers et al.  
Appl'n. No. : 09/142,628  
Filed : June 10, 1999  
Title : TRANSFERRIN RECEPTOR GENES OF MORAXELLA  
Grp./A.U. : 1646  
Examiner : PAK, M.  
Docket No. : 1038-833 MIS:sd

November 30, 2001

**VIA FAX**  
**CONFIRMATION BY COURIER**

The Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks,  
Box DAC  
Washington, D.C. 20231,  
U.S.A.

**Attention: Group Director, Group 1600**

**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

Sirs:

Petition is hereby made under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.181 to  
Withdraw a Holding of Abandonment in this application.

A communication was received from the Examiner dated November 7,  
2001, enclosing a Notice of Abandonment, indicating that the application was deemed  
to be abandoned for failure to timely file a response to the Office letter mailed March 28,  
2001.

The Office letter mailed March 28, 2001 was a restriction requirement. Applicants prepared and submitted a response by letter dated April 25, 2001. A copy of such letter, newly signed, is enclosed. This letter was sent by courier shipment for delivery to the PTO and a copy of the courier waybill is enclosed. The letter responding to the restriction requirement was received in the PTO on April 26, 2001, i.e. within the one month term set for response, as evidenced by the copy of the return postcard enclosed.

It is apparent, therefore, that applicants timely responded to the Office Action of March 28, 2001 and hence the holding of abandonment should be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,



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